

## Arkansas Occupations Adding the Most Jobs Requiring an Associate Degree or Postsecondary Vocational Award\*

## Arkansas Highest Paying Occupations Generally Requiring A Bachelor's Degree or Higher

# Arkansas Employment Outlook

2016-2026

Occupations	Projected New Jobs	Annual Average Wage
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	3,551	\$40,620
Nursing Assistants	3,334	\$23,970
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	1,718	\$38,180
Medical Assistants	971	\$30,010
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	558	\$38,720
Dental Assistants	539	\$33,860
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	505	\$32,290
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	505	\$36,600
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	338	\$41,270
Physical Therapist Assistants	334	\$56,510

\*Two years or fewer of academic study beyond high school.

Occupations	Annual Average Wage*
Internists, General	\$247,280
Obstetricians and Gynecologists	\$235,130
Family and General Practitioners	\$222,460
Pediatricians, General	\$183,080
Podiatrists	\$182,120
Anesthesiologists	\$178,850
Dentists, General	\$170,440
Nurse Anesthetists	\$161,690
Psychiatrists	\$161,620
Marketing Managers	\$147,370

\*Experienced workers may earn considerably more.



- Fastest Growing Occupations
- Occupations Adding the Most Jobs
- Highest Paying Occupations
- Occupations with Most Projected Annual Average Job Openings



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Arkansas Fastest Growing Occupations 2016-2026			Arkansas Occupations Adding the Most Jobs 2016-2026			Arkansas Occupations with Most Projected Annual Average Job Openings 2016-2026		
Occupations	Percent Change	Annual Average Wage	Occupations	Projected New Jobs	Annual Average Wage	Occupations	Total Annual Job Openings	Annual Average Wage
Physician Assistants	40.36%	\$82,050	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	6,872	\$19,620	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	6,901	\$19,620
Personal Care Aides	38.16%	\$20,800	Personal Care Aides	6,533	\$20,800	Cashiers	6,745	\$20,170
Nurse Practitioners	37.14%	\$95,230	Retail Salespersons	4,839	\$24,990	Retail Salespersons	6,309	\$24,990
Forest Fire Inspectors and Prevention Specialists	35.93%	\$34,240	Registered Nurses	3,868	\$58,810	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	4,788	\$82,810
Software Developers, Applications	35.76%	\$87,500	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	3,551	\$40,620	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	4,373	\$40,620
Occupational Therapy Assistants	35.23%	\$56,020	Nursing Assistants	3,334	\$23,970	Waiters and Waitresses	4,107	\$20,270
Home Health Aides	35.15%	\$21,370	General and Operations Managers	2,721	\$85,390	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	3,645	\$25,960
Operations Research Analysts	34.08%	\$60,900	Home Health Aides	2,609	\$21,370	Personal Care Aides	3,506	\$20,800
Physical Therapist Assistants	31.27%	\$56,510	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	2,581	\$82,810	Office Clerks, General	3,405	\$28,100
Physical Therapist Aides	31.03%	\$25,330	Waiters and Waitresses	2,427	\$20,270	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	2,859	\$22,670